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of Cement and Methods for the Production Thereof*

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

In response to the January 23, 2009 United States Patent and Trademark Office action, Applicants submit the following amendments, remarks and Petition and Fee for Extension of Time.

#### In the Claims

Please amend Claims 46, 63-69, 75 and 77, as indicated in the Listing of the Claims, identified as Exhibit A, hereto.

#### *Remarks*

The claims were subjected to a Restriction Requirement. In particular, the Examiner found the following groups of claims represent separate inventive concepts: